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Chair Rosa DeLauro
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Ranking Member Kay Granger
Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

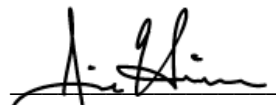
I am requesting funding for the Riverbrook Regional YMCA to undertake the Norwalk YMCA Community Center Project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Riverbrook Regional YMCA, located at 404 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT 06897.

The Riverbrook Regional YMCA is seeking \$2,000,000 to refurbish property at 98 S. Main Street in Norwalk Connecticut for a new YMCA Community Center for residents in South Norwalk. For nearly 100 years, the Norwalk YMCA has served the City of Norwalk and surrounding communities. Since losing their physical building in 2014, the Norwalk YMCA has only been able to provide programming through a "Y without Walls" strategy. This project will return a physical presence to the neighborhood that will ensure the Y can better serve the community.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide the 31,000 residents living around 98 S. Main Street, 72 percent of whom are considered low-income or below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) threshold, with adult and youth education courses, clothing and food distribution, health care for those without insurance, resources for single-parent households, afterschool tutoring, and a safe space for community residents to gather.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


JIM HIMES
Member of Congress